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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 06 September, 2011 @ 1900**  
**Brevard Veteran's Center**  
**400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**



**Prior to the general meeting we will have our annual, ever popular Italian Night. Please see the flyer on page 11 for all the details!**

## Attention on Deck by Debra Burleson

I am collecting Box Tops for Education. They are found on many products like, Progresso soups, Glad plastic bags, Hefty trash bags, Old El Paso Dinner Kits, General Mills cereals, and more products in your supermarkets and warehouse clubs. Please save them and give them to me at a meeting! Thanks in advance!



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# AT THE HELM

**Commander Kermit Forbes, P**



I hope everyone had a great time at the Old Florida Seafood Grill, I know that I did, even if I did get wet on the trip there and back! So glad that a total of 22 people attended! I hope we have even more boats and people at the next boating event.

During September the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron will be responsible for picking up the unnecessary items on Sykes Creek South (from route 520 south to the Veteran's Memorial Center. Hopefully you have seen the sign giving us some recognition in the community.

When attending our monthly meetings please seek out someone you have not seen before and say hello, and if possible sit with one of our new members.

The District 23 Fall Conference is coming up the end of the month. Anyone planning to attend please go on D23 website to get the particulars. To save the 12.5% tax on the room you need to make reservations and send check to Ponce by 9/20/2011.

Susan and I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and we hope to see you soon.



Bill Roeder monthly speaker  
July 5, 2011



CBSPS Member Winnie Crawford, SN  
Monthly Speaker August 2, 2011

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



The work-in-progress, CBSPS Brochure was distributed for review at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> General meeting for comments. **HELP!** If anyone knows where I can find a file with a good picture of our CBSPS Burgee, please call me at 267-304-7514 or sent it to me at [MeunierCBSPS@ymail.com](mailto:MeunierCBSPS@ymail.com)

The Board is now looking at printing quotes. Expect to see our new CBSPS Brochure soon at the October General meeting. Also, those of you with email will be getting a CBSPS Brochure file to help your membership recruiting efforts.

Lt Larry A. Carr, P, will be updating the CBSPS.com web page with some new pictures and elements of the new CBSPS Brochure. Please join me to present our thanks for his continual behind the scene efforts on our behalf.

Our Radio Technical Officer Lt Eugene B. Millner, AP, announced at our General meeting that Boat/US is fighting an FCC proposal to allow private high-speed internet and cell phone service frequencies close to existing GPS frequencies as these could interfere with CPS communications. Boat/US went to Washington's FCC offices in July. Gene will keep us informed.

We now have 74 Vessel safety Inspections. The goal, of course, is to beat our excellent 2010 number of 145. Will we make it? Members with boats not yet inspected, please help by calling one of our Vessel Examiners (see page 15 of our Roster). Each of them need 10 inspections to earn a Merit Mark; you can help them achieve that. I, personally, have to do more, so don't hesitate. Even if your vessel is not ship-shape, the Squadron still get a VSI credit and the inspection results are confidential.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P**



I am looking forward to a fun evening at our annual Italian night scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> at our general meeting.

This month our boating activity will be a Cocoa Beach canal treasure hunt scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping for a good turnout and fun for everyone who participates.

Our Executive Board meeting will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.

Our squadron has completed 74 vessel safety inspections so far this year, and hopes to accomplish another 50 before year end. Anyone wanting to become an inspector should contact me and request a one day training class to become certified.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and having a safe boating experience.

## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

### **LT/C John F Mulkey, AP**



This has been a busy time for the Education Department. We have had three ABC3 Public Boating Courses so far this year with, the next one coming up on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We have had 38 students take the course, 34 passed and 14 of them have accepted a free six month trial membership. We had more new members at the August meeting than I have ever seen. It is important that we make sure they are invited to all of our activities and made to feel welcome.

On Friday July 29, I was invited to speak on safe boating to Troup FL0031 of the American Heritage Girls. This is a Christian Organization very similar to the Girl Scouts. We had 15 Troup members, their siblings and parents. I was told that my talk would help them get their Safe Boating Merit Badge. I should have told them to look before they jumped out of the boat as one girl jumped on a stingray and was stung. She was taken to the emergency room and she is doing fine.

Seven of the new members have expressed interest in taking Seamanship. This course will start on Sept. 12. See the flyer. Call me if you would like to take Seamanship.

National USPS has set up a program on Boat Operators Certification and On The Water Training. There will be BOC Certifier Training Seminar held at the Fall Conference on Friday September 30 in Deland.

If you are interested in becoming a Certifier or just would like to attend the Seminar, please let me know ASAP as I need to let the Regional Director know how many people to expect.



## **Radio Check – Radio Check**

### **LT Eugene B. Millner, AP**



Radio checks on VHF are no longer needed or proper on Chanel 16. A new service provided by Sea Tow can be done 24/7 on Ch. 26 in northern Brevard and 27 in southern Brevard.

To use this automated service, turn to the applicable channel and ask for the radio check. You signal is sent back to you just as you sent so you can hear it.

This service will reduce traffic on Channel 16 and encourage safe boating in the Brevard area.

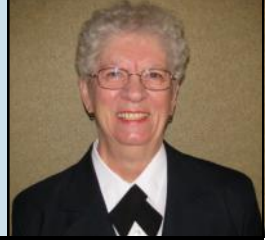
The antenna for northern Brevard is located at Port Canaveral Marine in Port Canaveral and for southern Brevard it is located at Captain Butchers in Sebastian.

This free service is available through Sea Tow's ongoing partnership with MariTEL.

This information was obtained from the July Issue of the *Citizens for Florida's Waterways* (CFFW).

This organization does a lot for boating interests. A Group No. is available through the Power Squadron for membership at 1/2 price.

**SECRETARY**  
**LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



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## **Seamanship Course**

**Starts Monday 21 September 2011**

**Time: 1900-2100**

**Weusthoff Sports Medicine Bldg. (in front of hospital)  
 1010 Beverly Dr., Rockledge, FL**

The Seamanship Course is the next step in building a foundation for safe and enjoyable boating. It increases knowledge of boat handling, and a better understanding of how a boat behaves under various conditions. It adds to your awareness of the rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and usable knots.

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The cost for the course is \$37 for the book, and \$10 extra for another student sharing the book. For the students/members, who pass the test, and pay their 2011 dues, the cost of the book will be refunded!

**Coco-Nauts Corner**  
**President, Lt Debra Burleson, S**

The Coco-Nauts had the months of July & August off! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer! I haven't had a vacation yet, but do plan on a trip to NC with my BFF, September 19-30, who a lot of you will meet on the upcoming cruise on the Norwegian Sun in November!

I want to thank everyone who bought, or sold tickets for the Macy's 6th annual "Shop for A Cause," sale, which will be held all day nationwide on August 27th! This is a much easier way to raise monies for the auxiliary, which supports the squadron. I do not have the \$\$ amount we earned yet, since there are some tickets to sell, and monies to collect from others. If we have any tickets left to sell, Susan Forbes and I plan to attempt to sell them on the day of the sale at the back/south entrance to Macy's. If you have tickets that you were unable to sell, please call me @ 321-454-3171.

Please plan to attend Italian night for great food and camaraderie with other squadron members, and to meet our newest members! Also the Coco-Nuts will be raffling a basket, made by our "own" Marge Balkema.

Please keep fellow Coco-Nuts Helen Kidd, Barbara Bakmazian, Marge Balkema, Angie Vilardebo, & Barb Millner in your prayers, that they continue on the road to recovery! If I missed someone, let me know and I will include it in my message next month!

Our next luncheon meeting will be September 14 at the Island Tiki Grill in Merritt Island, starting at 1130am! The food is good and reasonably priced! Hope to see you there!

September Birthdays

15 - Marilyn Flanigan





**D/LT/C David Hixenbaugh, SN  
Treasurer**

**At a recent public Safe Boating Class, each of the Squadron Bridge members were asked to say a few words about why they joined and remained as a member of the Power Squadron. You've heard the analogy before, but I likened the attraction of USPS to the three legs of a stool in which all legs play a strong role lest the stool topple over. The three legs are Civic Involvement (Vessel Inspections, Co-op Charting, Community Clean-ups, Public Boating Classes and Seminars etc.), Education (Advanced Classes, Seminars, Guest Speakers at General Meetings, Certification Programs etc.) and Social (Rendezvous on the water, Fishing Tournaments, Cookouts on land and sea, Monthly Dining Outs etc.). All three legs play an important part in attracting new members and retaining current ones. Not all people are attracted to all three legs and some are attracted much more to one than another. The key to success is that we must recognize the broad and diverse reasons that attract people to our group and ensure that all three legs remain sturdy and level through constant maintenance and attention.**

**That being said, my main mission this month is to thank all of you who have already renewed your membership in a timely manner! Your actions will help keep the stool on a solid footing and will give us the resources necessary to fund our Educational, Civic and Social endeavors. You don't have to be the Treasurer to realize that your tax-deductible dues are our primary source of revenue and without it we would cease to exist. Let me spend a minute and discuss membership renewals in general. All of us who have been on the Bridge know the drill - look at the listing of those members who are late in renewing and assign someone to give them a call. This is great. USPS surveys have shown that the number one reason that people leave the organization is not that they are unhappy with the group or angry about something but because they forgot! So keep up the traditional method of friendly reminders - we are bombarded with mail and other forms of communication and a call will correct a large percentage of late renewals. But the larger and more daunting challenge is how to get through to that part of the population who is no longer engaged in our organization. We must all step up our efforts to build personal relationships with all of our members. We need to get them to our meetings by having interesting programs and speakers. We need to send out letters to encourage them to take that next class. We need to ask them to be on that committee, to host that function, to teach that seminar, to supply that snack.**

**The survey, I previously mentioned showed that if someone is a member of an active squadron or is on a committee or has attended the annual meeting or district conference will in all likelihood renew their membership without even being reminded. These people shouldn't just be "renewals", they should be our friends. We shouldn't be calling them once a year; we should be calling about joining us at the next class, meeting, party. To me, the United States Power Squadron is not a national organization - it's a group of my closest friends who all decided to wear the same outfit. Let's treat member retention that way - holding onto our friends.**

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

**August 2011**

- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 25 - Thursday, 2000 Sunset cruise on the "Blue Dolphin" to see bioluminescence

**September 2011**

- 06 - Tuesday, 1800 Italian Night - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 12 - Monday, 1900 Seamanship Course - Weusthoff Sports Medicine, Rockledge
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts luncheon meeting - Island Tiki Grill
- 15 - 17, Thursday - Sunday, USPS Governing Board - Greensboro, NC
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 24 - Saturday, 1300 Treasure Hunt in CB canals - meet S. of 520 bridge
- 30 - Friday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL

**October 2011**

- 01-02, Saturday - Sunday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL
- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts, luncheon meeting - Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 27 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

CBSPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available



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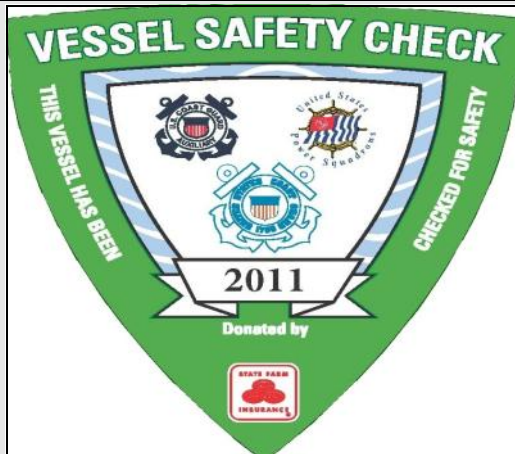
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## **September Boating Report P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP**

What a hot and uncomfortable summer. Commander Forbes says he has been offshore 28 miles fishing several times this summer. Really that's great. Our big comfortable boats have been out and about or so I hear.

We have a Saturday, September 24th, "Treasure Hunt Cruising in Cocoa Beach Canals" planned. I would like a couple of you to help me with it this year if you would. We had a great time last year and member Chuck Conklin won the prize for most identified. We'll have a prize this year as well. This is a great guessing game, trying to identify things from a list presented at the beginning of the cruise. Come on out and have fun.

On the list next I have "Raft-Up & Watch the Cocoa Beach Air Show" of which I have no date as yet. That's in October, then member Scott Siever's "Fishing Trip to Thousand Islands" follows that. Call me on 452-5892 and let me get an interest list of members.

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One of my jobs is getting Ads for the Soundings. And I want to encourage you to patronize those folks who pay to keep Ads. Have you come up with an answer? David Kalm Plumbing has been the longest continuous person sponsoring an ad in our newsletter. Give him a hand!! Thanks. The story is that David Kalm when he owned the business started placing the Ad. Then when Marian Sweigart's Son become the owner, he kept the name as it was and continued with the Ad in our Soundings. If you know of someone wanting to advertise, please send them to me. You can also advertise your boat or whatever, 1-time for \$25 or 12-times for \$50 and it will be in the newsletter and the Internet for a year.

## **BLOOD DONATION**

*The next blood donation will be on 07 September 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!*



### CBSPS Photo Gallery

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## *CBSPS ANNUAL ITALIAN NIGHT*



*When: 6 September @1800 prior to general meeting*

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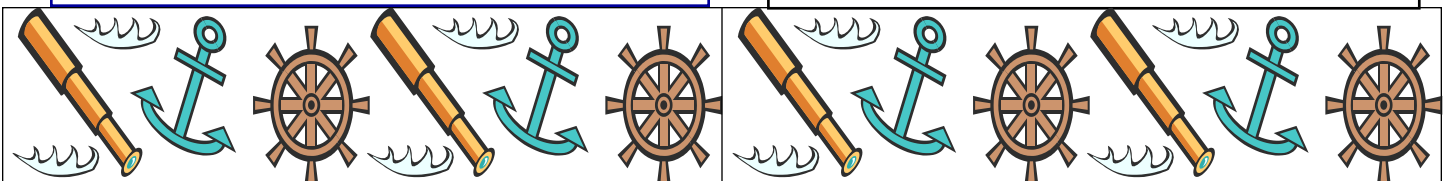
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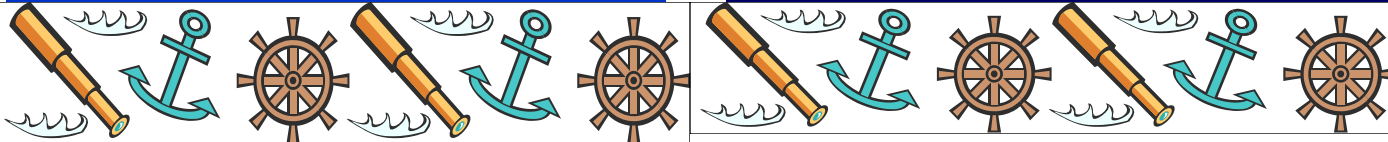
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